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NORMALIZATION GOAL
1. LEADING SOVIET IDEOLOGIST AND SENIOR POLITBURO MEMBER
SUSLOV REAFFIRMED SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINA IN HARD-HITTING
PASSAGE OF JULY 13 KEYNOTE SPEECH MARKING SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF SECOND CONGRESS
OF RUSSIAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC WORKERS PARTY
(FORERUNNER OF BOLSHEVIK COMMUNISTS). DESPIJTE CRSHLY CRITICAL
TREATMENT OF PRC FOREIGN POLICY, SUSLOV SAID SOVIET POLICY WAS TO
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VIGOROUS IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE TOWARD "MAOISM."

2. SUSLOV'S MOST BITTER REMARKS TOWARD PRC CENTERED ON PEKING'S WILLINGNESS TO COMBINE FORCES WITH THE MOST REACTIONARY REGIMES AND FORCES AGAINST INTEREST OF USSR AND WORLD SOCIALISM. THIS WAS SECOND HIGH-LEVEL BARB ON THIS THEME IN A WEEK, SINCE PODGORNY HAD SIMILARLY BERATED CHINESE IN SOFIA SPEECH ON JULY 7.

3. COMMENT: SOSLOV'S PRONOUNCEMENT ECHOES LINE TAKEN BY BREZHNEV AT 24TH PARTY CONGRESS IN 1971 AND SUGSEQUENTLY. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS CLEARLY CONTINUE TO CONSIDER CHINESE THEIR MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY HEADACHE, BREZHNEV AVOIDED OPENLY ATTACHING PEKING IN HIS JULY 11 LENIN PEACE PRIZE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH (MOSCOW 8290). THIS MAY HAVE BEEN IN DEFERENCE TO PRESENCE OF DRV LEADERS LE DUAN AND PHAM VAN DONG, OR PERHAPS REFLECTED DESIRE TO KEEP THE EVENT ON HIGH MORAL PLANE. IN ANY EVENT, SUSLOV, LIKE BREZHNEV, HAS TAKEN PAINS TO EMPHASIZE SOVIET DEVOTION TO PROLETARIAN INTER-NATIONALISM, A CAUSE ALLEGEDLY BETRAYED BY PEKING.
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